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San Bernardino County Approves Funding for Alabama Street at City Creek Crossing

On Tuesday, at the urging of Supervisor Dennis Hansberger, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved \$4,000,000 in funding for Alabama Street at City Creek drainage improvements.

These improvements impact portions of the cities of San Bernardino, Highland, Redlands and the Inland Valley Development Authority (IVDA). During the October 2004 and January 2005 storms, the Alabama Street crossing at City Creek was damaged by heavy storm flows.

“The County showed strong leadership today,” said Supervisor Dennis Hansberger. “The action by the Board makes it possible to get this critical project completed. It is essential to assure that traffic is not impaired by a major storm.”

Originally, the three Cities and IVDA agreed to participate equally in fronting the \$4,000,000 in construction funds for the project that would subsequently be reimbursed by the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA). However, because their current financial situation would not allow them to front the cost of the project, the three Cities and IVDA asked the County to assist them in order to retain the FHWA funds.

The funding for this project needed to be obligated prior to June 30, 2008 in order to avoid losing the grant from the FHWA and State Office of Emergency Services who agreed to fund 97.13% of the project.

The Cities and IVDA will still share the project costs not covered by the two grants plus any environmental mitigation costs to the project. The Cities and the IVDA will each contribute 20% of the local match.